

"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.

And every one that heareth these sayings of Mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it." (Matthew 7:24-27)

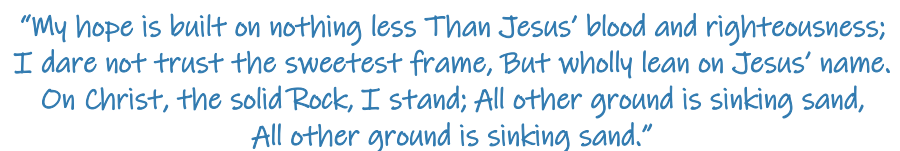
Where is your hope, entering 2021? Is it in the blank canvas of a calendar or planner, because you are more than ready to put the number 2020 behind you? Is it in your New Year's resolutions for personal and/or business growth for the next twelve months? These tools can be helpful but, ultimately, they are like building your foundation on the sand.

Or is your hope rooted in the same source as it was on December 31, 2019, when you had very little idea of what the year 2020 might bring? For believers young and old, our constant hope ought to be in the Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace throughout the year (Isaiah 9:6 is not only for Christmas!). Build your foundation for the upcoming 365 days on the rock—Jesus.

One of my father's favorite hymns is "The Solid Rock," and it has become a favorite of mine, too. I was intrigued to learn the history behind the author, Edward Mote, particularly because his story can be traced back to his childhood. He was born in 1797 to parents who were not religious. Edward Mote said this of his upbringing: *"So ignorant was I that I did not know there was a God. My Sundays were spent on the streets (of London) in play."*

As I read this man's story, I could not help but think of children in our county who we meet in parks and on sidewalks in the summers when we go inviting for 5-Day Clubs because they are left on their own . . . and children during the school year (pre-coronavirus) whose parents sign them up for After School Good News Clubs so they stay occupied for an extra hour away from home. This is not representative of all families we interact with in a typical year, but I suspect it is true of more than a few.

However, what happened to Edward Mote, that he went from a boy playing in the streets to a pastor writing a hymn that resounds with solid doctrine? The cabinetmaker, for whom he apprenticed as a teenager, took him to church. As a result, Mote heard the Gospel and received Jesus as his Saviour from sin. Later, he became a pastor and served for more than twenty years. He penned "The Solid Rock" in 1834.

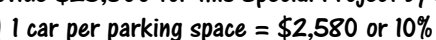


God used the invitation of a cabinetmaker to draw a young man to Himself and change his life for eternity. How might God use each of us to make an eternal difference in the life of one child in the year 2021?

Standing on the Solid Rock, Anna

Special Project

The main parking lot at the ministry office has served us well for nearly 40 years, but it is now in need of total replacement. We are trusting the Lord to provide \$25,800 for this Special Project by Spring 2021.

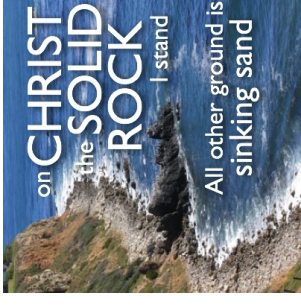




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Pray, Remembering God Answers Prayer!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3 We are grateful for the 23 churches who partnered with us in prayer and financially throughout 2020!</p> <p>10 Ask God to bless the MVBC Board, host location for overnight camp, with wisdom as they meet this month.</p> <p>17 Continually pray for our nation and those in federal, state, and local positions of government.</p> <p>24/31 We appreciate you remembering us in prayer for good health.</p>	<p>4 God, guide and direct plans for 2021 ministry, familiar methods and new ones—beyond our expectations.</p> <p>11 Cover in prayer our preparations to begin releasing weekly Life of Christ prerecorded videos next week!</p> <p>18 Please pray for final details with online logistics to come together smoothly with relaunching GNE!</p> <p>25 Pray that God will use believers who teach and work in schools to spread His hope and love.</p>	<p>5 Praise God for 284 children enrolled in the 2019 -20 After School GNCs, and the 9 who made professions of faith!</p> <p>12 Anna anticipates joining with other CEF E PA staff for a virtual "January Get-Together" this week. Pray for SH as they hosts the online meetings, for the speakers, and for prepared hearts to listen. The purpose of this week has always been a time of spiritual refreshment and renewed focus for ministry: the Holy Spirit is not going to be hindered by an online format!</p> <p>19 Lord willing, we will be presenting weekly Bible lessons on our website through Easter, starting tomorrow!</p> <p>26 "... Shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and His strength, and His wonderful works that He hath done. <u>That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep His commandments</u>" (Psalms 78:4, 7).</p>	<p>6 "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is" (Jeremiah 17:7).</p> <p>13 Anna anticipates joining with other CEF E PA staff for a virtual "January Get-Together" this week. Pray for SH as they hosts the online meetings, for the speakers, and for prepared hearts to listen. The purpose of this week has always been a time of spiritual refreshment and renewed focus for ministry: the Holy Spirit is not going to be hindered by an online format!</p> <p>20 GOOD NEWS ENCOUNTERS visit www.gnnc.org</p> <p>27</p>	<p>7 Praise God that we have a committee that does not grow weary in well doing and unprecedented times!</p> <p>14</p>	<p>1 Our 2021 purpose aligns Acts 8:35: "Then Philip opened his mouth ... and preached unto him Jesus."</p> <p>8 Anna is thankful for God's protection last month when her car was rear ended, and traveling mercies for all of 2020!</p> <p>15</p> <p>22 You may not feel comfortable inviting a family to church, but would you invite them to GNE online?</p> <p>29 Whether we teach God's Word in-person or online, He has promised it will not return void! (See Isaiah 55:11.)</p>	<p>2 Today is Rita Bradigan's birthday! She has served in many behind-the-scenes roles in the office the last five years.</p> <p>9 Uphold your pastor and church leadership in prayer as they continue to navigate unusual circumstances.</p> <p>16 "Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart. all ye that hope in the LORD" (Ps. 31:24).</p> <p>23 Pray that children find out about the videos and can watch without distractions as the Gospel is shared!</p> <p>30 THANK YOU for your continued prayers and support as we partner together to reach the children!</p>